

damming of said river and granting a right of eminent domain to said company in aid thereof; and

Whereas thereafter said company completed its said dam and development and operated the same for many years, mortgaging the same, together with all its other property, rights and franchises, to the Germantown Real Estate Trust and Deposit Company of the State of Pennsylvania to secure first and third mortgage bonds issued to raise funds for said development and paying off outstanding liens, and again mortgaging the said property, rights and franchises to D. C. Wharton Smith, trustee, to secure second mortgage bonds issued to raise funds for the betterment of said developments, and subsequently default having been made under the conditions of said mortgages, the said first mortgage was foreclosed and said property, rights and franchises were bought by the holders of said second and third mortgage bonds, who immediately organized the said Susquehanna Power Company, a new corporation by the name of the Susquehanna Power and Paper Company of Harford County, to take over said property, rights and franchises and to continue said development and had the same conveyed thereto; and

Whereas the General Assembly subsequently, by several Acts, that is to say, 1900, chapter 248, 1902, chapter 135, and 1906, chapter 386, amended the charter of the said Susquehanna Power Company, recognized said development and its plans in reference thereto and to aid in accomplishing the same greatly enlarged its powers, and the said company has proceeded under the powers of eminent domain conferred by said Acts; and

Whereas The erection of a dam or dams on said river for power purposes makes possible the slack-water navigation of said river as herein set forth, all of which uses are highly important for the welfare of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all powers contained in the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1884, chapter 85, entitled "An Act to authorize the Susquehanna Water Power and Paper Company of Harford County to acquire certain property by condemnation," and in the Act of said General Assembly of 1900, chapter 248, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Susquehanna Power and Paper Company of Harford County, a corporation organized under the Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, to enlarge its powers and to change the corporate name thereof by omitting therefrom the words 'of Harford County,'" and all proceedings of the Susquehanna Power Company under said